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Next Chamber Luncheon

Thursday, Mar. 21

12:00 noon

Jackson Energy Community Room

\$10.00 per person

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2019 Business of the Year Recipients

Each year at the Chamber's Annual Banquet, we recognize three outstanding businesses for their contributions to our business community. Awards are given in three categories - Large Business, Small Business and Non-Profit. Here are this year's recipients:

LARGE BUSINESS



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London Rotary Club

SMALL BUSINESS



Minuteman Press



Another Annual Banquet is in the Books!

The Chamber held it's Annual Banquet on Tuesday, March 5th at the London Community Center with a huge crowd in attendance. The Community Center was beautifully decorated by Uptown Florist and the delicious meal was provided by Sonny's BBQ. And, thanks to some very generous Chamber members, there was a great selection of items to bid on during the silent auction.

In addition to the Business of the Year awards (see page 1), the 2018 Teachers of the Year were also recognized. They are: Lynndesa Rupard—Hunter Hills Elementary School; Bret McIntosh—North Laurel Middle School and Sherry Osborne—North Laurel High School. In celebration of their accomplishment, each teacher was presented a \$1000 check from **Laurel County Farm Bureau**. And thanks to the efforts of Michael Sliter, the Chamber also unveiled a new promotional video which highlights the Chamber's many accomplishments in 2018.

Outgoing Director Kenny Woodruff was honored for his years of service on the Chamber's Board of Directors. We wish Kenny the very best in the days ahead.

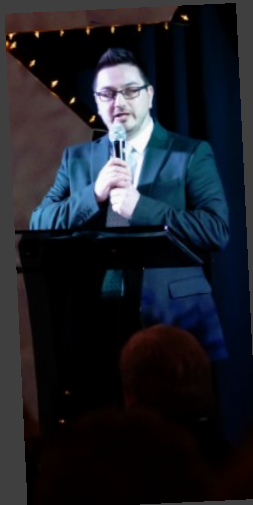
The entertainment for the evening was provided by Keith Matheny, compliments of **L&N Federal Credit Union**, our entertainment sponsor. Keith blew the crowd away with his performance. . . some of us are still scratching our heads wondering "How did he do that??".

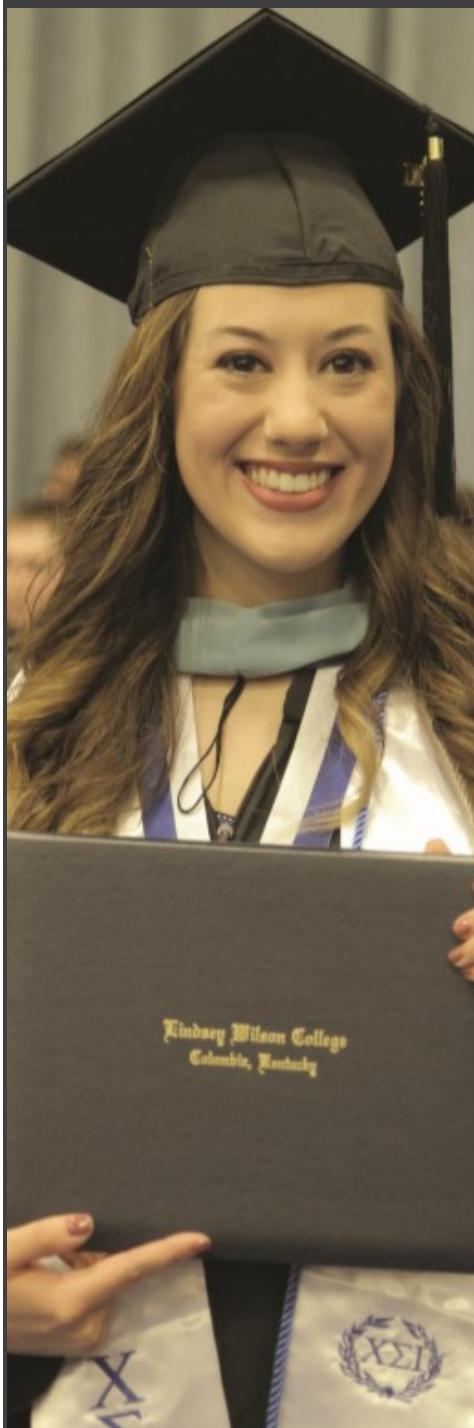
The evening would not have been possible without our sponsors and we would like to extend our appreciation to them for their unwavering support of the Chamber.

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- Koi Express Hibachi & Sushi Restaurant
- Toshiba Business Solutions

Renewing Chamber Members

As of March 15, 2019

- 1st Trust Bank
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- Day's RV/Auto Sales, LLC
- First Baptist Church East Bernstadt
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- JBK, Inc. Roofing Division
- Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation
- Kentucky Outdoorsman
- Larkey HVAC
- Laurel County Kiwanis Club
- Laurel County Republican Women's Club

- Laurel County Water District #2
- Laurel Senior Living Communities
- Lexington Bluegrass Association of Realtors
- London Rotary Club
- Lykins Energy Solutions
- March of Dimes Foundation
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- Serco Inc.
- The Job Shop Staffing Services
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for being our Annual Banquet Entertainment Sponsor

The Chamber would like to thank the following businesses that donated prizes at our February luncheon. . .

- ♦ Bluegrass Care Navigators
- ♦ Donna Gregorich, Century 21
- ♦ First National Bank & Trust
- ♦ Jackson Energy Cooperative
- ♦ L&N Federal Credit Union
- ♦ Martin's Insurance Group
- ♦ Minuteman Press
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- ♦ Regency Cinema 8
- ♦ Somerset Community College
- ♦ The Job Shop Staffing Services



CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

March
2019

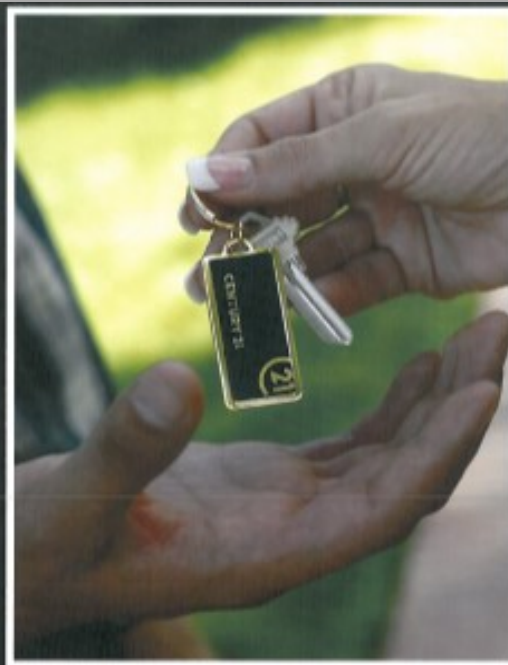
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Auditor Mike Harmon to Speak at March Chamber Luncheon

Mike Harmon was elected in November 2015 as the 47th Auditor of Public Accounts for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Mike previously served in the Kentucky House of Representatives for 13 years representing the people of Boyle and Casey County, and previously Washington County, in the 54th District.

During his time in public service, Auditor Harmon has always sought for common-sense solutions to make life better for the people of Kentucky by supporting good public policy to protect and preserve taxpayer dollars. Mike brings those same values, along with his desire to make government more transparent, to his role as Auditor.

During Mike's life he has tried to live by the philosophy he adopted after his first successful election to public office, values he brings to his job as Auditor:

"I have no desire to leave a legacy, Except that I served my Lord,
I served my Family, And I served my Country, Well."



February Luncheon Photos

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Salon 44

*Congratulations to our
2018 Teachers of the Year!*

*London-Laurel County
Chamber of Commerce*

Teacher



**of the Year
Award**

Lynndesa Rupard

Hunter Hills Elementary School

Bret McIntosh

North Laurel Middle School

Sherry Osborne

North Laurel High School

Special Thanks to



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For sponsoring our Teacher of the Year Awards

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Flea Land Flea Market	Saint Joseph London
Flowers Bakery of London	Salon 44
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Katee Loftis State Farm Insurance	The London Gifts & Accessories
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London Downtown	Wanda Evans
London-Laurel Co. Tourist Commission	Wildcat Harley-Davidson
Maple Leaf Furnishings	Wildcat Mountain Cheese
Margaret Gray	Windstream
Martin's Insurance Group	

Thanks to these businesses and their generous donations, our Silent Auction was a huge success!

The Ambassador Patrol Strikes Again!

The Chamber Ambassadors continued their “patrol” last month and surprised four of our members with balloons and cookies in hand. Each business was also presented a “free lunch” certificate to our February general membership luncheon. The purpose of the Ambassador Patrol is to let members know that we appreciate their commitment and support of our Chamber and to encourage participation in Chamber events.

Be on the lookout. . . next month they might be visiting you!



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Trampoline Park



The Job Shop
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London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce



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Chamber Calendar

- Mar. 19 — Community Trivia Bee**
7:00 pm at the Jackson Energy Community Room
- Mar. 21 — March Chamber Membership Luncheon**
12 noon at Jackson Energy
- Mar. 23 — Rotary International Dinner**
7:00 pm at the London Community Center
- Mar. 25 — Ribbon Cutting at Texas Roadhouse 12:00 pm**
- Mar. 27 — Ribbon Cutting at The Burger Shop 2 pm**
11:00 am
- Apr. 10 — Ribbon Cutting at The Loft of London 11:00 am**
- Apr. 13 — No Eggcuse for Child Abuse Community Event**
3 to 6 pm at Saint Joseph London
- Apr. 23 — Laurel Co. Lincoln Dinner 6 pm at London Comm. Ctr.**
- Apr. 25 — Ribbon Cutting at The Grind Coffee Shop 10 am**



*For more information on any of these events,
contact the Chamber office at 864-4789 or
info@londonlaurelchamber.com*

Did you know?

According to a research study by The Shapiro Group and Market Street Services, when consumers know that a small business is a member of their local Chamber of Commerce, they are 44% more likely to think favorably of it and 63% more likely to purchase goods or services from the company in the future.



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